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SUBJECT: ZIPA NEWS CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: DZINASHE MACHINGURA, DEPUTY POLITICAL COMMISAR FOR ZIPA HELD FORTY-FIVE MINUTE NEWS CONFERENCE IN MAPUTO AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 30. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ZIPA HIGH COMMAND, MACHINGURA,

----REJECTED "OUTRIGHT" WHAT HE CALLED "" THE "KISSINGER PLAN;"

----CLAIMED THAT THE BRITISH HAVE FORFEITED THEIR RIGHT TO CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ON RHODESIA;

---HEDGED ON SUPPORT FOR THE POSITION STATED BY THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS IN LUSAKA;

----CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT ROBERT MUGABE WAS EITHER A MEMBER OR THE LEADER OF ZIPA;

---WELCOMED HE UNIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS ZIMBABWEAN POLITICAL  
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FACTIONS--IF IT COULD BE ACHIEVED;

----SAID THAT ZIPA WOULD CONTINUE THE ARMED STRUGGLE UNTIL SMITH WAS PREPARED TO SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MACHINGURA'S PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY TWO EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARIES AND HOST OF INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING TEAM FROM CBS.

3. REJECTION OF KISSINGER PLAN: WHEN ASKED HIS VIEWS ON WHAT HE CALLED THE "KISSINGER PLAN" AND ON SMITH'S PROPOSALS FOR A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, MACHINGURA SAID: "WE REJECT THEM OUTRIGHT; THIS IS A TOTAL REJECTION, NOT A QUALIFIED REJECTION". ZIPA IS "NOT PREPARED TO SHARE POWER WITH THE "RACIST, REACTIONARY AND FASCIST" REGIME"

4. CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE CONVOKED BY BRITISH: MACHINGURA SAID "BRITISH HAD FORFEITED THEIR RIGHT TO CONVENE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE TO END THE RHODESIAN CRISIS. MACHINGURA CLAIMED THAT BRITISH ARE THE "ENEMY OF THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE" AND HAVE DEMONSTRATED THIS THROUGH MANY ACTS OF "IRRESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT". HE THEN WENT ON TO RECITE A LITANY OF WHAT HE PURPORTED TO BE BRITISH TRANSGRESSIONS AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.

5. LUSAKA STATEMENT OF THE FOUR FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS: ALTHOUGH ZIPA VCATEGORICALLY REJECTED THE "KISSINGER PLAN," MACHINGURA SAID THAT ZIPA "HAS NOT REJECTED THE PROPOSAL FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE PUT FORWARD BY THE FRONT-LINE PRESIDENT IN LUSAKA." MACHINGURA SAID THAT ZIPA PLANS TO INTENSIFY THE ARMED STRUGGLE, ESTABLISH A "POPULAR ORDER" AND "CREATE THE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL MAKE SMITH SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY" RATHER THAN CONDITIONALLY.

6. UNIFICATION OF THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS: MACHINGURA SAID THAT ZIPA HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE UNIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS NATIONALIST FACTIONS AND WAS ITSELF A PRODUCT OF THE UNIFICATION OF THE FIGHTING CADRE IN ZANU AND ZAPU. HE CLAIMED THAT THE UNIFICATION SHOULD BE BASED ON THE CENTRAL PURPOSE OF "CARRYING OUT THE ARMED STRUGGLE." HE SAID THAT THE POLITICAL LEADERS ARE DIVIDED AND "WE DO NOT SUPPORT DISUNITY AND WE DO NOT IDENTIFY OURSELVES WITH ANY POLITICAL FACTIONS." HE CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT MUGABE WAS EITHER THE CONFIDENTIAL

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LEADER OR A MEMBER OF ZIPA'S HIGH COMMAND. HOWEVER, HE REMARKED THAT THE NKOMO-MUGABE TALKS WERE "A PROGRESSIVE STEP."

7. ZIPA'S FUTURE POLITICAL PLANS: QUESTIONED ABOUT WHETHER ZIPA MIGHT EVENTUALLY TRANSFORM ITSELF INTO A POLITICAL PARTY, MACHINGURA SAID THAT; "ZIPA IS A REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. THIS PROCESS IS INEVITABLE."

8. SMITH'S SUPPORTERS: WHEN ASKED WHO WERE THE PRINCIPAL CAPITALIST SUPPORTERS OF SMITH REGIME, ZIPA SPOKESMAN LISTED U.S., UK, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, JAPAN, SOUTH AFRICA AND MANY OTHERS. HE REFERRED TO THE U.S. AS THE PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE OF IMPERIALISM WND LEADING SUPPORTER OF SMITH.

9. COMMENT: ZIPA PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD UNDER AEGIS OF THE GPRM AND APPEARED DESIGNED TO STAKE OUT FOR ZIPA AN UNCOMPROMISING AND HARD-LINE POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS. IT WORTH NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH ROBERT MUGABE AND EDWARD TEKERE WERE PRESENT IN HOTEL WHERE PRESS CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE NEITHER OF THEM ATTENDED OR SEEMED TO KNOW INITIALLY THAT PRESS CONFERENCE WAS ABOUT TO OCCUR.

10. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHETHER MACHINGURA, WHO HAS BEEN RECEIVING GOOD LOCAL PRESS LAST WEEK OR SO IS MACHEL'S CANDIDATE TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN ZIMBABWE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, HE APPEARS TO BE MACHEL'S KIND OF LEADER: HE IS YOUNG, TOUGH, DYNAMIC AND RADICAL. AT SAME TIME HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE OVERLY BRIGHT.  
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